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SUBJECT: IWA NEGOTIATIONS INTERPRETATIVE REPORTING

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1. WE RECOGNIZE THAT CONCENTRATION ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS HAS LIMITED THE SCOPE FOR INTERPRETIVE REPORTING ON THE CONFERENCE'S DYNAMICS. WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT THE PACE AND NATURE OF EVENTS WILL OFTEN DICTATE TELEPHONIC CONTACTS BETWEEN DELEGATION MEMBERS AND WASHINGTON. HOWEVER SINCE THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BROAD POLITICAL/ECONOMIC RAMIFICATIONS, THE DELEGATION SHOULD NOT NEGLECT PERIODIC REPORTING CABLES. THESE COULD PROVIDE A BIWEEKLY ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR EVENTS AND MIGHT TOUCH ON TOPICS SUCH AS:

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(A) EVIDENCE OF EVOLVING EC VIEWS AND CHANGING TACTICS;

(B) THE DEGREE OF COHESION AMONG IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEIR GOALS/TACTICS. THE FEBRUARY 21, 1978 NORTH AMERICAN EXPORT GRAIN ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM TO ITS MEMBERS, OPINES THAT THESE COUNTRIES "MAY BE A GREATER

FORCE WITHIN THE CONFERENCE THAN THE EC." IS THERE ANY
REASON TO BELIEVE THIS ASSESSMENT IN WHOLE OR PART?

(C) THE ROLE BEING PLAYED BY THE SOVIETS AND OTHER
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

(D) EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT AMONG VARIOUS GROUPING FOR THE
POSITION OF THE FOUR MAJOR EXPORTERS.

(E) BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

3. THE DETAIL NEEDED IN SUCH REPORTS IS, OF COURSE, LEFT
TO THE DELEGATION'S JUDGEMENT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE
DELEGATION COULD TRANSMIT ITS FIRST REPORT IN THIS SERIES
TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON EARLY FEB. 27. PLEASE INDICATE
CABLES ARE TO BE PASSED TO USDA FOR HATHAWAY AND STR FOR
STARKEY. VANCE

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